

SHAKER IS HELD FOR MURDER

CROWDER FINDS CHLOROFORM VICTIM WAS NOT NEAR DEATH.

Physicians. After autopsy, say Sister Merchant was only 35 and might have recovered from slight lung affection—All Other Organs Normal.

KISSIMMEE, Fla., Sept. 20.—The verdict of the coroner's jury, as a result of which brother Egbert Gillette of the Shakers has been taken to jail in Tampa, appears to have been a sensational case and reduces it to just plain murder, although no motive is presented.

The proposition of the dying woman being put out of her misery at her own request may be eliminated altogether from the trial coming on.

There are signs of a remarkable reversal of feeling here, although many persons adhere to their original belief that the aged Shakers are blameless for assisting out of the body "sister Merchant," or Marchant.

The findings of the jury leading to the arrest of Gillette are based upon two discoveries. One is that, according to physicians whose testimony was heard, Sister Merchant might have lived for many years. The other is that the woman was much younger than was supposed, perhaps not more than 35, and was not a decrepit and bedridden old woman asking the speedy end of a life already waning.

The report of the coroner's jury was made public to-day. It charged Gillette, head of the Shaker colony at Ashton, with the willful murder of Sister Merchant. The verdict was reached yesterday. Following the announcement Gillette was arrested and taken to Tampa to jail.

Another remarkable feature of the affair is that Sister Sears, self-confessed participant in the alleged chloroforming of a Shaker woman, was not mentioned in the jury's report except indirectly. It is asserted that her case will be presented to the county grand jury, which will be called in extra session. Gillette will not be admitted to bail unless pending the habeas corpus proceedings.

One unexpected conclusion is that Sister Merchant died on August 22. The Shakers live much apart, rarely are seen in public, and most of their business is transacted through their head, Brother Gillette. Naturally little was known here about Sister Merchant and how persons came to be known whether she was sick or well.

When the simply, apparently straightforward tale about her being almost dead of tuberculosis, begging for euthanasia and chloroform being given to relieve her sufferings was narrated, scarcely any one doubted it. The Shakers always incite truthfulness and the townspeople saw no reason to question them in the present case. Their narrative was accepted and the sympathy of the people undoubtedly was with them.

Physicians who took part in the autopsy of Sister Merchant and whose testimony was given to the jury, say the lungs were affected slightly and only slightly. They advance the suggestion that with careful treatment she might have been cured so that at any rate she would have lived for many years. It is especially noted that she had been taken to a more beautiful climate. With the exception of the slight lung affection, this woman, in the opinion of the jury, was in almost perfect physical condition.

Therefore the chloroform theory had been questioned. Now there is a charge going the rounds that a chemical analysis of the dead woman's stomach, made during the autopsy, showed the presence of foreign substances that may have been poison. This analysis, according to reports, was made by the State for use at the murder trial.

Former Congressman Kribbs said to-night he did not know the exact nature of the defense. The insanity theory is suggested. Some have suggested that an effort will be made to show that Sister Merchant poisoned herself with chloroform or some other drug.

It is the opinion of some persons here that the two criminals—Sister Sears and Brother Gillette—are unusual criminals. Gillette to-day, just before being placed aboard the train for Tampa, when asked to make a statement merely repeated his former remarks, "God's will be done. We acted for what we thought the best." He seemed utterly unshaken by the apparently damning evidence brought to light and could not be induced to give details of the tragedy or of his past life.

Gillette is 60 years of age. Sister Sears is 74. It is the first time either has ever been in court.

With these two eliminated there will be only five members left in the Ashton Shaker colony.

ONE PASSENGER MAY DIE.

Flying Car Derailed Flings Human Freight to Roadway.

One man probably will die and another is seriously injured as the result of the partial derailing of a Webster avenue street trolley at 8 o'clock last night. The rear trucks of the car, which left the track, swung around against an iron pole and stopped short of the car, which had been traveling at a fast clip.

The car was bound south from Fordham and was more than well filled. A number of passengers standing up between the seats. The place where the accident occurred is on a stretch of level daylight track. Without warning the rear trucks jumped from the track and swung around, bringing up against the iron pole, which is in the center of the roadway between the northbound and southbound tracks. Henry Dutt, 65 years old, a carpenter, of 152 Marcy street, was sitting on the rear seat at the time he was thrown against the iron pole and was in the Fordham Hospital unconscious from concussion of the brain, and believed he will die.

Several passengers who were standing on the car near the side of the car, were thrown by a guard rail, were thrown into the street. One of these, Patrick E. Smith, a public school janitor living at 1514 Third avenue, fell from the car and sustained a bad scalp wound and many other bruises besides internal injuries. Several who had not been thrown out by the car, were thrown against the pole and sustained minor injuries. The men of the Police Company 82, near by heard the crash and ran over. They picked up the women and children lying and suffering from the pavement, most of them suffering from shock, and carried them to the hospital.

McMahon, who was unconscious and who was at the moment to have been taken to the hospital, was taken in an automobile to the home of Dr. Edward C. Fiedler at 301 Union road and later was removed to the Fordham Hospital. The physician attending several of those injured from shock and the men of the Police Company 82, near by heard the crash and ran over. They picked up the women and children lying and suffering from the pavement, most of them suffering from shock, and carried them to the hospital.

The wrecking crew found no trouble in getting the car back on the track. The railroad people here, however, had a hard time getting the car back after the forward trucks had been derailed. There was a half hour delay while the wrecking crew got the car back on the rails.

WARD FLIES 14 MINUTES.

Stopped Again by Engine Trouble—Rodgers Will Resume His Flight To-day.

CORNING, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Following a full day's delay owing to engine trouble, Aviator Ward got away from this place at 9:29 o'clock in ideal weather this morning. He soon landed in Addison village, twelve miles west, being stopped again by engine trouble. Ward was in the air fourteen minutes. He started out from Corning at 9:29 while hundreds of persons cheered him, and landed at 9:43.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Sept. 20.—With his Wright machine practically ready for flight this afternoon Cal P. Rodgers said early that he would make a start on the second leg of his coast to coast flight early to-morrow.

Rodgers said he was taking of his disability to get away from this city as he had planned to-day. The machine is all ready, his own two mechanics and the two from Dayton, Ohio, who came here Monday night pronounced everything ready to fly, but J. D. Taylor, the chief mechanic from the Wright factory, has not arrived and Rodgers would not take flight until Mr. Taylor had gone over the machine carefully. Rodgers could have made a flight this afternoon at 4 o'clock, but he did not desire to do so until everything suited him. The company which is backing him for the sale of advertising wanted him to get away to-day, but Rodgers, who is apparently at odds with his advertising management, said to-night that he would not leave Middletown until early to-morrow morning.

"I am not controlled by anybody or anything," he said, "and will make my flight as best I can without let or hindrance by any one, for any combination. I am flying for the love of flying and while I want to please the people on my route, I will do it regardless of my managers."

"I will make the greatest flight on the road to Los Angeles, any of the coast," he added. "While James J. Ward has now a great lead on me, I still hope to beat him to Chicago. I have got a better machine and if I get away to-morrow, I confidently expect that I will beat him before we reach Dayton and I hope to be at least two days in the lead at Chicago."

Rodgers expects to fly from the grounds of the Middletown State Hospital at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. He had arranged to fly from the fair grounds and charge 25 cents admission, but when he learned that the 2,000 State hospital patients would like to see him fly, he gave up his contract with the fair grounds and agreed to start his flight from the State hospital grounds.

CHINESE TO SEE FLYING.

Admiral Ching to Be Gen. Grant's Guest at Nassau Meet To-morrow.

The advance sale of box seats for the aviation meet which is to begin at the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome to-morrow started yesterday and about fifty persons applied for space. The lists include Henry W. Taft, Edwin Gould, Theodore Roosevelt, Colgate Hoyt, Major Gen. Frederick D. Grant, George W. Perkins, Comptroller Frederick W. Harold McCormick and Paul Cravath.

Lieut. C. B. Hodges, of the Twenty-ninth Infantry is expected to arrive at Nassau Boulevard to-day with a detachment of soldiers from Governors Island detailed by Gen. Grant to take part in the military demonstrations of the meet. They will be on duty on the grounds throughout the nine days tournament.

Gen. Grant and his staff, with Rear Admiral Ching Pih Kwang from the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi, will be guests to-morrow. The Chinese admiral, who is in command of the Chinese fleet, is expected to arrive on Sunday. Louis A. Disbrow, the automobile racer, and Sopwith, the English aviator, will enter a speed contest with a straightaway course of twenty-five miles. Sopwith will use a 70-horsepower Blériot monoplane against Disbrow's National stock car racer.

J. V. Martin, the Boston aviator, who was taken out of the annexed field, will fly from Fort George to the Nassau field yesterday.

BIG PRICE FOR PRIMA.

Poll Watchers Alone Will Cost Pittsburgh \$375,000.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 20.—The heretofore unheard-of sum of \$375,000 will be paid to watchers at the polls during the primary election in Allegheny county a week from next Saturday. Seventy-five thousand watchers will be on duty and each watcher gets \$5 for his services.

This condition arises by reason of the earnestness with which United States Senator George T. Oliver and Mayor William A. Magee are seeking to down each other. Magee and Oliver broke some time ago and a battle is now being waged to determine who shall control the Republican machine in this part of the State.

The County Commissioners said to-day that all of the 75,000 watchers certificated asked for will be granted. These applications come from Oliver and Magee factions in the Republican party, from the Keystone party and from the Democrats. It is estimated that before the contest now in progress is finished more than \$2,000,000 will be spent.

The Weather.

Sept. 21.—The large high pressure area from the West moved further eastward yesterday and was central over Michigan, covering all sections east of the plains States.

SIX MURDERED IN THEIR BEDS

SKULLS OF ALL THE VICTIMS CRUSHED WITH AN AXE.

Only One Member of Two Families That Lived in Adjoining Houses Escaped—He is the Head of One Family and is Under Arrest—The Axe the Only Clue.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 20.—Six persons were murdered in their beds, probably on Sunday night, in adjoining houses in this city.

The bodies were not discovered till today when a sister of one of the victims went to call on her.

The dead are Mary Alice Burnham, wife of Arthur J. Burnham, Alice Burnham, aged 6 years, and John Burnham, aged 3 years, all residents of 321 West Dale street; Henry P. Wayne, aged 30 years; Blanche Wayne, his wife, aged 25 years, and a one-year-old child of the Waynes.

The skulls of all the dead were crushed with an axe which was hurled from J. R. Evans, a neighbor, by Mrs. Wayne on Sunday. The axe was found by Evans in the yard of the Wayne home yesterday.

He saw that it was bloodstained and supposed it had been used to kill chickens. He saw none of the Waynes about and took the axe home.

The discovery of the bodies was made at 2 o'clock to-day by Mrs. June Ruth, a sister of the murdered Mrs. Burnham, who lives in a distant part of the city. In company with Miss Anna Merritt, who lives near the scene of the murder, Mrs. Ruth called on the Burnhams to do some sewing. Finding the front door locked they gained admittance at the side door.

They found the victims in bed with the covers over their heads, placed there by the murderer after he had crushed their heads.

An alarm was given and neighbors went to the Wayne house, which stands in the rear of the lot. The rear door was unlocked. The victims were all in bed with their skulls crushed and with the bed covers neatly placed over their heads.

The only clue so far obtained is the axe. Arthur J. Burnham, husband of the murdered woman and father of the murdered children, is a cook employed at the Modern Woodmen of the World Sanitarium, five miles north of Colorado Springs.

He is 35 years old. He is under arrest, but so far no clue has been found implicating him. He was married seven years ago to his wife. For two years he has been employed at the sanitarium. His neighbors say he has always borne a good reputation, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Emma B. Hill, who lives near her daughter, Mrs. Ruth, in a distant part of the city, says he has always been a good father and husband. "He and my daughter have lived happily together," she said. Mrs. Hill confirms this statement.

Burnham was seen last at his home Sunday afternoon. He left at 5 P. M., ostensibly for the sanitarium to resume his duties as a cook.

Little is known of the Wayne family. They came from Indiana recently. Wayne himself entered the sanitarium as a patient ten months ago. The Burnham and Wayne families are said to have been strangers. Burnham and Wayne, however, were acquainted and on friendly terms.

Burnham denies his guilt and was shocked by the announcement of the murders when he was placed under arrest at the sanitarium to-day.

Dr. Rutledge, in charge of the sanitarium, says Burnham is weak physically and not likely to swing an axe to murder six persons.

CANADA UNDER EIGHT MILLION.

Forecast of the Census Returns—Growth in Quebec and the West.

OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—Canada's fifth census, begun in June, has been completed and the official figures will be made public in a few days, as soon as the returns are in from the far off Yukon and Northwest districts. It is understood that Canada's total population is considerably under 8,000,000. The returns show that Toronto and Montreal have made the largest gains in population, the former the greatest percentage of gain and the latter the largest gain in numbers.

The Maritime provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have not grown as have Quebec and the other provinces, but they have more than held their own. The gains in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were confined practically to Halifax and the mining sections. Prince Edward Island has stood still. The Province of Quebec will show large gains both in town and country.

In Ontario the population of the rural districts has fallen off, notably in western Ontario, from which there has been a large migration to the West since the last census. This has been partly offset by a great increase in northern Ontario. In Nipissing, East and West Algoma, Rainy River and Thunder Bay the population has more than doubled.

All the Western provinces show great gains, the largest percentage being credited to Alberta. Winnipeg and Calgary show the largest gains of any of the Western cities. In Hamilton, Ont., manufacturing have increased more than 100 per cent. Montreal and Toronto show similar gains.

The census along the west shores of Hudson Bay and west to the height of land was taken under the direction of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and is complete. It shows a population of 1,500 Eskimos and Indians and a few white and half breed trappers. The enumerators there and in the Yukon and Northwest districts had to travel thousands of miles by canoe, horseback and on foot. In some remote sections of the far North the duties were performed by missionaries and men of the Hudson Bay Company.

The census of the Arctic waters was taken by Capt. Bernier, the explorer, who has just returned.

The new census will raise the basis of representation in the House of Commons from 25,000 to 32,000. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick each will lose two seats and Prince Edward Island one. Ontario will gain no members and may lose one or two. The provinces west of Lake Superior will gain about twenty-seven members. The membership of the House after redistribution will probably be raised from 221 to 241 members.

Two Burned Children Die.

Two six-year-old girls died in Fordham Hospital within half an hour of each other last night from burns received while at play. Anna Raione, of 4028 White Plains road, who was burned while playing with matches in front of her home on Tuesday, died at 7 o'clock. A little less than thirty minutes later Mary Tison, of 1424 Wilkes avenue, who was burned Monday while saving her doll from a bonfire in which she had dropped it, also died. The children were in the same ward in the hospital.

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THREE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Wife of an Employee of the American Exchange Bank Tries to End Her Life.

NEWBURGH, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Charles P. Garvie, wife of an employee of the American Exchange Bank, New York city, residing on Fifty-fifth street, while temporarily insane made three attempts to end her life yesterday. Mrs. Garvie has been in poor health for several years, her nervous system being affected by the death of a child. As she had seemed to be particularly depressed of late, it was decided to bring her to Newburgh for a rest and board was secured at the Rocky Glen cottage near Orange Lake Park.

Mr. Garvie accompanied his wife here on the day boat Tuesday and went direct to the cottage. After luncheon he retired to his room upstairs and had it not been for the presence of her husband would have thrown herself out of the window. In preventing her from doing this Mr. Garvie was badly scratched and bruised. Medical assistance was summoned from Newburgh and an effort was made to bring her to St. Luke's Hospital, an ambulance being used. She tried to throw herself from the car.

At the hospital they would not receive her owing to her mental troubles. She was taken to hotel and Mr. Garvie with a trained nurse and physician remained with her and they had difficulty in preventing her from carrying out her threats to take her life by leaping from the hotel window. She died at 11 o'clock this afternoon on the arrival of her sister from New York was more rational. It is thought that it will be necessary to send her to a sanitarium, where she will be unable to leave her at large.

ARRESTED AS NEGRO BURNERS.

Two Policemen and Two Citizens Accused in Coatesville Lynching.

WEST COATESVILLE, Pa., Sept. 20.—Chief of Police Charles E. Umsted of Coatesville, Stanley Howe, a policeman; Richard Tucker, an insurance agent; and Walter Markwood, a mill hand, were arrested this afternoon on charges made at the instance of the Grand Jury which investigated the burning of Zack Walker, a negro, at Coatesville on August 13.

Chief Umsted and Howe were released under \$2,000 bail each by Judge Butler. Tucker and Markwood were allowed to consult with their attorney before being taken to the county jail.

Umsted and Howe are accused of involuntary manslaughter. Tucker and Markwood face a charge of murder. Feeling in Coatesville runs high over the lynching of the negro. It is said that a mass meeting will be called to express the indignation of the townspeople over the arrests.

It was rumored that a warrant would be issued for the arrest of District Attorney Gawthrop. His accuser, it is said, will be Calvin B. Umsted, brother of the Chief of Police. Gawthrop is said to be present in Coatesville, but he has been arrested and did nothing toward stopping the mob.

The warrants were issued from the bench by Judge William Butler upon the return of a grand jury, which for three weeks has been investigating the lynching of Walker.

OBITUARY.

David A. Discher, well known in his day as a politician, a sporting man and a social favorite, died at a residence in the city of New York on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the age of 74 years. He was born in 1837 in the city of New York and was a member of the city of New York for many years. He was a member of the city of New York for many years. He was a member of the city of New York for many years.

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he found the place in utter darkness. Somewhere in that darkness the daughter of a Marquis sat, alone, waiting for her brother to come home from the hospital.

HELD AS CHECK FORGER.

Pinkerton Man Looks Over a Prisoner in Hackensack—Long Search On.

A Pinkerton detective went to Hackensack yesterday to look over a prisoner whom the Hackensack police arrested on September 1 charged with trying to pass forged checks on New Jersey grocers.

The prisoner's name, or one of many that he gave, is William Boyd. He also said that he was William Smith, Frank Smith, Walter Hill and R. G. Nield. He is being held in the Hackensack jail for the Grand Jury.

After his interview the Pinkerton man told the police that their prisoner, he thought, was a forger who had operated in Long Island and New York. The detective said he would come back to-day. He said the Pinkertons had been looking for the man for nine months.

When he was arrested Boyd had a check on the Colonial Bank of New York, signed C. S. Hill and made payable to Walter Boyd. He went to Kappes's grocery asking that the check, which was for \$25, be cashed. He said that he had decided to live in Hackensack and wanted to buy some groceries. The grocer became suspicious of the man and called in the police.

Boyd, if that is his name, is a good looking man, about 34 years old, who dresses well and wears diamonds. No one knew him in Hackensack. He said he had a sister named Minnie Small, who lived at 17 East 117th street. It was said at that place last night that no one of that name lived there.

The St. Paul printed a circular sent out by the National Surety Company on September 9 warning banking institutions against a man who had been forging checks properly certified and cashing

them. The company, of which William B. Joyce is president, said that they had to pay too many claims and warned cashiers and tellers to look out for the forger.

Mr. Joyce said last night that he had heard of the arrest in Hackensack and the investigation of the Pinkertons, but he said he was not prepared to make any statement at this time.

IN MOURNING FOR PINCHOT.

Katalla Decorates Growsomely for the Conservator's Reception.

SEATTLE, Sept. 20.—A despatch from Katalla says that vainly searching for the "wide and deep channel that leads through Controller Bay" to the mouth of Bering River Gifford Pinchot, who is investigating conditions in Alaska, was camped on mud flats all of Tuesday night and yesterday. In honor of his visit the town of Katalla has been decorated in grape and all the empty buildings have been placarded, "Closed as a result of conservation."

Pinchot has planned to spend a week in the Bering River country. He went as far as Stillwater to-day, where he will be entertained by Mayor R. H. Wise. After leaving Wise's cabin Pinchot and his party will have to depend upon their own resources, as the few coal claimants who are in the country are bitterly vindictive toward him because of the fact that he has publicly branded them as thieves and perjurers.

Those men will extend to him neither hospitality nor assistance.

Grass Fire in Central Park.

Some dry grass and shrubbery in Central Park caught fire last night between the West Drive and the wall at Central Park West at Ninety-seventh street. Mounted Policemen Taylor, who was riding in the drive, dismounted and assisted by foot policemen tried to beat out the blaze. The fire defied their efforts and the apparatus was called. A line of hose was run over the wall and put out the fire after a 30 foot area had been burned over.

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